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April 3, 1930

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Sir:

Please pardon the delay in sending our list of Russian Decorations. I am herewith enclosing it with, I think, sufficient information as to what we have.

Can you tell me the reason of the occasional Russian decoration in black rather than in its true colors? The two we have are apparently fairly old. I am also appending rubbings of four medals that I have not yet placed. Can you help us out on these?

Very truly yours,

Curator.

ALAN W. HAZELTON

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WESTWOOD, LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

APRIL 9th, 1930.

HOWLAND WOOD, ESQUIRE,
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR SIR:

YOUR LETTER OF APRIL THE THIRD, WITH THE ENCLOSED LIST, ARRIVED YESTERDAY BUT DUE TO PRESSURE OF BUSINESS, I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ANSWER IT UNTIL TODAY. I FIND THE LIST OF RUSSIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS MOST INTERESTING AND WISH THAT I HAD MANY OF THEM.

THE RUSSIAN BADGES IN BLACK ENAMEL ARE MOST INTERESTING. I HAVE TWO OF THEM. IN THE TIME OF ALEXANDER FIRST, BADGES OF THE DIFFERENT ORDERS WERE SOMETIMES CONFERRED IN BLACK ENAMEL. SINCE THAT TIME, HOWEVER, AND ESPECIALLY IN RECENT TIMES, OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS WHO WERE DECORATED OFTEN HAD REPLICAS OF THE BADGES MADE TO WEAR WITH DIFFERENT UNIFORMS. IT WAS CONSIDERED "SMART" AND "CHIC" TO HAVE THE BADGES MADE IN BLACK ENAMEL SO AS TO INDICATE THE CONSERVITIVNESS OF THE OFFICER. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HAVING THE BADGES MADE IN BLACK ONLY SHOWED THAT THE OFFICER WAS TRYING TO BE "CHIC". THERE IS NO OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PRACTICE, HOWEVER.

AS TO THE MEDALS OF WHICH YOU SENT THE RUBBINGS. THE FIRST MEDAL IS, I BELIEVE, A REGIMENTAL MEDAL OF THE LIFE GARDE LITOVSKY REGIMENT. THE ONE DATED 1855-1905 I KNOW NOTHING OF NOR DO I KNOW ABOUT THE OTHERS. I SHALL ASK A FRIEND OF MINE, A FORMER RUSSIAN GENERAL WHO MAY BE ABLE TO TELL ME.

IN THE LIST OF DECORATIONS AND MEDALS, I NOTE ONE OR TWO THINGS I DO NOT UNDERSTAND. FIRST; THE ORDER OF SAINT STANISLAV WAS NOT AWARDED TO WOMEN, THEREFORE, THE THIRD CLASS MILITARY BADGE YOU HAVE IS INCORRECTLY LABELLED. SECONDLY; I DO NOT UNDERSTAND SUCH CLASSIFICATIONS AS THIS "ORDER OF SAINT ANNA, PLAQUE-MILITARY, CIVIL ". SUCH TERMS SEEM TO ME CONTRADICTORY. A BADGE CAN ONLY BE AWARDED FOR ONE OF TWO CLASSES EITHER MILITARY OR CIVIL. AN OFFICER MAY, AND FREQUENTLY DID, RECEIVE BOTH THE MILITARY AND CIVIL BRANCHES OF AN ORDER IN THE SAME CLASS; IN WHICH CASE HE WORE BOTH THE CIVIL AND MILITARY BADGES. THIRDLY; THE DECORATION DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: "KERENSKY GOVERNMENT, DECORATION (?) SWORD AND CROWN OF THORNS, ST. GEORGE'S RIBBON" IS INCORRECTLY CALLED. THIS DECORATION WAS GIVEN TO ALL THOSE OFFICERS OF THE DENIKINE-WRANGEL ARMIES WHO TOOK PART IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BOLSHEVIKI. THIS I KNOW FOR I KNOW MANY OF THESE ~~XXXXXX~~ OFFICERS WHO RECEIVED THIS DECORATION.

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CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

IF YOU WILL NOT BE TOO GREATLY TROUBLED, WILL YOU KINDLY SEND ME A DRAWING OR PICTURE OF THE "KERENSKY GOVERNMENT SAINT GEORGE MEDAL IN SILVER ", THE "DENIKINE'S JASSY TO THE DON, 1918", AND THE "COUNT BERMONT-AVALOFF MEDAL OF 1919". I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE SO THAT I COULD ADD THEM TO MY COLLECTION AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

AS SOON AS I CAN GET SOME RELIABLE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE MEDALS OF WHICH YOU SENT ME THE RUBBINGS, I SHALL LET YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM. PLEASE CALL UPON ME AT ANY TIME RELATIVE TO INFORMATION ABOUT RUSSIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS; IF I CAN, I SHALL BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO SEND YOU THE INFORMATION OR TRY TO GET IT FOR YOU.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Alan W. Hazelton.

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APRIL 9th, 1930.

DEAR MR. WOOD:

AFTER MAILING MY LETTER OF THIS SAME DATE TO YOU, I LEARNED SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION REGARDING THE DECORATION ON YOUR LIST LABELLED "GENERAL DENIKINE DECORATION, WREATH OF THORNS WITH SWORD CROSSING IT, SUSPENDED FROM SAINT GEORGE'S RIBBON". ONE OF MY DEAR FRIENDS, AN OFFICER IN THE FIRST ARMY (THE VOLUNTEER ARMY, SO NAMED) OF GENERAL DENIKINE, WAS GIVEN THIS DECORATION. AFTER THE FALL OF THE KERENSKY GOVERNMENT AND AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SUBSEQUENT ASSASSINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND FAITHFUL SOLDIERS, MANY MEN OF THE ARMY RALLIED UNDER GENERAL DENIKINE AND AN OFFENSIVE WAS BEGUN AGAINST THE BOLSHEVIKI. THIS WAS IN 1917. THIS SMALL ARMY, NUMBERING NOT MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND, ADVANCED ALMOST TO MOSCOW WITHOUT STOPPING. WHEN WITHIN A SHORT DISTANCE OF MOSCOW, HOWEVER, THE BOLSHEVIKI RALLIED AND FORCED THE DENIKINE ARMY BACK. THE RETREAT WAS TERRIBLE, MORE THAN HALF OF THE ARMY WAS KILLED. WHEN THEY REACHED THE CRIMEA, RE-ENFORCEMENTS JOINED THEM, THE FRENCH AND BRITISH ARMIES LENT A HAND, AND THE NEW ARMY, UNDER GENERALS DENIKINE AND WRANGEL ADVANCED AGAIN. IN 1918, GENERAL WRANGEL, NOW THE COMMANDER OF THE SECOND ARMY SINCE THE DEATH OF GENERAL DENIKINE, INSTITUTED THIS DECORATION IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAD FALLEN IN THE GREAT DEFEAT, AND AWARDED IT TO ALL THOSE WHO REMAINED OF THE FIRST VOLUNTEER ARMY WHICH MADE THE RETREAT. THE DECORATION IS HIGHLY PRIZED BY THOSE TO WHOM IT WAS AWARDED. THERE WERE PROBABLY NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND OF THEM GIVEN. I HAVE TRIED FOR SOME TIME TO SECURE A SPECIMEN OF THIS DECORATION BUT HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN DOING SO. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANOTHER COPY OFFERED TO YOU, WILL YOU PLEASE TELEGRAPH ME THE PRICE AT ONCE, COLLECT.

I SHALL TRY TO FIND OUT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION I CAN ABOUT THE OTHER "WHITE ARMY" DECORATIONS AND SHALL LET YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Alan W. Hazelton

HOWLAND WOOD, ESQUIRE, CURATOR.

April 12, 1930

Mr. Allan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Many thanks for the information concerning the black enamel badges. The one of the Order of St. Anne is especially interesting as a large crown is attached to the loop through which the ribbon goes, and from this crown is suspended on a hinge, the badge itself. Why I labeled one of the St. Stanislaus badges "for women" is because the ribbon was in the form of a bow knot, though back of it the ribbon is in a vertical position arranged somewhat the way German veterans fix their ribbons when out of the service. Where I have marked certain things "Civil, Military", I simply meant that we have two specimens, one with and one without swords. Some of these are plaques and some badges. I am enclosing an impression of the Denikine badges you ask for.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

June 17, 1930

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

This is to acknowledge with thanks, on behalf of the Society, the receipt of the Spanish decoration as well as the other decoration which I presume is a Serbian Red Cross Badge, neither of which we had.

I have had our photographer look over the three of Japanese uniforms, and he states that on account of the color the photographs will be not only difficult but poor. The charges would be from four to five dollars each and I have put off having this work done until I hear from you.

Again thanking you for your gifts,

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

102 CONGRESS STREET,
BRADFORD, PENNA.

JULY 8th, 1930.

MR. HOWLAND WOOD,
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
BROADWAY AT 156th STREET,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR MR. WOOD:

YOUR LETTER OF THE SEVENTEENTH OF JUNE WAS FORWARDED TO ME FROM CALIFORNIA. WHEN I SAW YOU IN NEW YORK I NEGLECTED TO GIVE YOU MY PRESENT ADDRESS AS GIVEN ABOVE. I SHALL BE HERE UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST SO YOU CAN REACH ME AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS UNTIL THEN, WHEN I SHALL RETURN TO CALIFORNIA.

REGARDING THE DECORATION WHICH YOU BELIEVE TO BE A SERBIAN RED CROSS BADGE: FROM THE INSCRIPTION ON IT, I WAS INCLINED TO TERM IT A BULGARIAN DECORATION. I BELIEVE THIS BECAUSE THE WORD "BULGARIA" IS THE LAST WORD WRITTEN ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE BADGE AS ONE LOOKS AT IT. HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE A SERBIAN BADGE FOR THE WAR AGAINST BULGARIA IN 1913. THE BULGARIAN AND SERBIAN LANGUAGES ARE SO SIMILAR THAT I REALLY CANNOT SAY WHAT THE BADGE IS. I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THIS DECORATION AND THE SPANISH ONE TO THE MUSEUM, AND I TRUST THAT I SHALL BE ABLE TO MAKE FURTHER GIFTS FROM TIME TO TIME. *(If you wish to keep them all, do so.)*

UNDER SEPARATE COVER I AM SENDING YOU THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. PLEASE TAKE ANY WHICH THE MUSEUM WISHES AND RETURN THE REST TO ME.

I LOT OF MIXED COINS.
47 PLASTER OR COMPOSITION CASTS OF PORTRAIT MEDALS.
I LOT OF OLD COIN CATALOGUES.

I AM ALSO SENDING YOU THE STAMPS WHICH I PROMISED YOU.

WHEN I RETURN TO CALIFORNIA I SHALL SEND YOU THE OTHER ITEMS I PROMISED.

I HOPE TO BE IN NEW YORK THE LATTER PART OF JULY AND SHALL FIND TIME TO COME UP AND SEE YOU AGAIN.

I AM SENDING TO MR. NOE SEVERAL SHEETS ~~of~~ OF MY MONOGRAPH ON THE RUSSIAN ORDERS. I SHOULD LIKE YOU TO READ THEM OVER AND GIVE ME YOUR CRITISISM OF THEM.

HOPING TO SEE YOU SOON AGAIN, I AM,

SINCERELY YOURS,

Alan W. Hazelton

P.S. Thanks lots about the coloured plates of Japanese uniforms. Unless the photographs are good there is no use having them made. When I get to California I may ask to borrow the (over)

books and have my artist make coloured drawings of the folios.

Two of the stamps are stuck together so I decided not to try to take them apart but left that to you. You know more about this sort of things than I.

I have arranged with Baldwin of London to buy from him the insignia of the Order of the White Eagle (Russian) which belonged to His Eminence Cardinal Antonelli. I am greatly pleased and look forward to receiving this insignia.

I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Alan W. Hazelton,

July 15, 1930

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
102 Congress Street
Bradford, Penna.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

You were right concerning the Bulgarian Red Cross. I see now that it is not Serbian. The package with the casts, coins and catalogues came Saturday, and I wish to thank you for sending these, also for the stamps. I have not had a chance as yet to look through the coins, but I will return any, especially the Russian ones, that we do not want.

I may or may not be here the latter part of July; as it looks now, I shall be here only on the 29th.

We have no objections to sending you that book showing Japanese uniforms, and I think that sending it on to you would be the best way.

Cordially yours,

Curator.

September 9, 1930

Alan W. Hazelton, Esq.
1343 Warner Ave.
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Mr. Roe has already written you and your coins arrived the other day. I have looked them over and unfortunately you can realize little or nothing on these coins because most of them are undecipherable and the balance are in poor condition. The only piece in good condition is a modern coin which is very common and has no numismatic value.

Copper coins like these are found in great quantities in Syria, Palestine and Egypt. The best pieces are culled from the lot and the balance, like yours, are sold to tourists. Also, most of your pieces are of the Mohammedan period which are collected by few people.

I am sorry to have to give you such an adverse report. I am returning the coins to you to-day by parcel post insured as we are not able to use any of them.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

ALAN W. HAZELTON

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OCTOBER 3rd, 1930.

MY DEAR MR. WOOD:

AT LAST WE ARE SETTLED AGAIN IN OUR OWN HOUSE AND I FIND TIME TO DEVOTE TO MY OWN AFFAIRS. I SHALL PROBABLY SEND YOU NEXT WEEK A PACKET OF THE THINGS ABOUT WHICH I SPOKE TO YOU IN NEW YORK. I SHALL ALSO SEND A RATHER UNIQUE ITEM. THIS IS A ROSETTE WITH A MINILATURE OF THE CENTENARY MEDAL OF 1812-1912. IT IS MEANT TO BE WORN IN THE BUTTONHOLE.

HOW ARE THINGS AT THE MUSEUM? HAVE YOU HAD ANY NEW RUSSIAN ORDERS OR MEDALS? I HAVE ADDED QUITE A NUMBER OF MEDALS TO MY COLLECTION AND A FINE FIRST CLASS, CIVILIAN DIVISION, CROSS OF ST. STANISLAV AND A FOURTH CLASS ST. VLADIMIR FOR 35 YEARS SERVICE.

I HAD A VERY INTERESTING AND PLEASANT LETTER FROM MR. GILLINGHAM EARLIER THIS WEEK. HE HAS ALSO ADDED TO HIS COLLECTION OF RUSSIAN ORDERS AND MEDALS AND HAS ONE BADGE WHICH I ENVY HIM AND WHICH I AM VERY GLAD HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO SECURE--THE BADGE OF THE ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW. HE HAS ALSO ADDED SOME OF THE MORE MODERN MEDALS.

WORK ON THE MONOGRAPH PROGRESSES SLOWLY. I HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE TIME TO WORK ON IT BUT NEXT WEEK I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GET INTO TRANSLATING AGAIN. I HAVE DECIDED TO COMPLETELY REVISE MY TREATMENT OF THE ACCOUNT OF EACH ORDER AND TO WORK OUT A SCHEDULE FROM WHICH I SHALL WORK. IN THIS WAY I EXPECT TO GET ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ EVERYTHING I CAN FIND OUT ABOUT AN ORDER. IT IS THE ONLY WAY I KNOW OF TO INCLUDE EVERY BIT OF INFORMATION. IN AN INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER I SHALL SKETCH THE GENERAL HISTORY OF RUSSIAN AWARDS FROM THE TIMES OF THE BOYARS TO THE FALL OF THE KOLTCHAK GOVERNMENT IN SIBERIA. I SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THERE SUCH INFORMATION AS THE TYPE OF INSIGNIA AWARDED TO NON-CHRISTIANS AND OTHER SUCH DETAILS. I PLAN TO GIVE THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE DECORATIONS IN MILLIMETRES INSTEAD OF IN INCHES. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF NOTING IN THE INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER THE FACT THAT ALL DATES GIVEN ARE IN THE OLD STYLE AND THAT THE NEW STYLE IS THIRTEEN DAYS AHEAD FROM THE OLD STYLE DATES; i.e. TODAY IS THE XXXX THIRD OF OCTOBER NEW STYLE BUT THE TWENTIETH OF SEPTEMBER OLD STYLE. IN THIS WAY IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO PLACE A "NOTE" WHEN EACH DATE IS GIVEN.

IF YOU HEAR OF ANY RUSSIAN BADGES OR MEDALS FOR SALE, WILL YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT I CAN LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT I WISH TO

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MY DEAR LEO, WHEN MY AUCTIONS ARE HELD, WILL YOU LET
ME KNOW IN ADVANCE SO THAT I CAN PLACE ANY BIDS I MAY
WISH TO MAKE. I KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT AUCTION SALES OF
BEDS IN THIS COUNTRY AND WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION YOU CAN GIVE ME.

MUST STOP NOW AND GET TO BED AS I MUST BE UP
EARLY. PLEASE GIVE MY REGARDS TO MR. WOT.

SINCERELY,

Alan W. Hazelton

Oct. 17, 1930

Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

I was very glad to hear from you but delayed answering as I was expecting the packet you write about; this has not yet arrived.

We have received nothing new in Russian decorations. I understand the Soviets have several decorations, as follows: Order of Lenin, Order of Red Star and Order of Red Flag. Do you know of any others? I was thinking of writing to the Soviet government to see if they would not present our Museum with a set of their new orders. Could you, by chance, tell me whom to address. Mr. Gillingham was telling me that he had been in correspondence with you and that you had picked up one or two good things. He certainly got a good thing in that badge of St. Andrew! I think when you write up these Russian Orders it would be well to get in every pertinent fact that you can. I will try to keep you informed on anything I may see in Russian Orders and Badges.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

ALAN W. HAZELTON

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CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

October 21st, 1930.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I received your very welcome letter today and hasten to answer it. I have delayed sending the packet as I have been so very busy that I have been unable to get to it. Now, however, things have quieted down and I shall be able to get to it. As I remember I promised to send you a sword-knot of St. Anna, a book on the order of the Crown of Austria, a clipping relative to the new badge for English Knights Bannerett. I shall include these in the shipment.

I shall also send you as a loan some Masonic badges which belonged to my grandfather. I should like to give these to the society but while my Uncle lives, I feel that I should only loan them to you. I do not believe that there is anything extraordinary about these, but I think that you may be glad to have them. I shall also send you a Pennsylvania National Guard badge for Marksmen. This type of badge was given before the world war and was a duplicate awarded to my Father. This badge is to be a gift. I shall also include a very unusual and interesting piece. This is a family medal of the famous and high Russian family of Tatischeff. From all I can gather, this medal was struck to commemorate some family anniversary. A dear friend of mine, a cousin of this family, knows nothing about it but believes that this medal is most rare and unusual. This too is a gift. I also include a gilt ruble of Alexander III. This ruble was awarded as a gift during the coronation. It was the custom in Russia for the Emperor to present to both soldiers and officers a gilt ruble, suitably inscribed, if he was pleased with the way a regiment paraded or appeared, or for any other merit with which he was pleased. This ruble was not meant to be worn, but the soldiers usually had it holed and wore it suspended from the watch chain. Some, wore it on a ribbon of the Russian colours after they left the service. I send also a China dollar and some Russian coins. Perhaps you can use them.

I have been quite fortunate in securing several new Russian pieces for my collection. I have recently received a very fine badge and star of the Order of the White Eagle. These insignia belonged to Cardinal Antonelli at one time Prime Minister of the Papal State and of Italy. He was a scheming old crook and quite a

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grafter. I also acquired seven new groups of medals mounted with the original ribbons. I added, too, a considerable number of single medals. I also secured a fine first class badge of the civilian division of the Order of Saint Stanislav. This goes well with my star of the first civilian class. I also bought some interesting miniatures of the centennial medal of the War of 1812. These miniatures are of the medal struck in 1912 and are gilt. They are mounted on the Saint Vladimir ribbon and are meant to be worn in the buttonhole. I send you one for the museum's collection. I am making up a list of the additions to my collection and shall send you a copy.

I certainly envy Mr. Gillingham his Saint Andrew's badge. What a find. I have a drawer in my cabinet which is reserved for this badge but it will probably be some time before I receive one. I am looking forward to making a trip to Russia next Summer and shall try to get one there.

Relative to the badges of the new Soviet Orders. These three orders have been instituted and I have pictures of them in my collection. I shall try to find these pictures and shall have my artist draw you copies of them. If you write, I suggest that you write to the museum with which you have been corresponding and ask them to secure specimens of these orders for you. A very suave letter should be written and not one which is a cold business request. Failing this, I suggest that you write directly to the minister of foreign affairs. It is very difficult to come into sympathetic touch with these people of the government, but the museum people may be able to turn the trick for you. If you do secure them, please do not put them in the same cases as you have the Imperial decorations. You may have a revolution among the Russian insignia if you do so, and one Russian revolution is enough.

Will you kindly send me the measurements in millimetres of the different insignia of the Orders which are in the museum's collection. I wish to have all the data I can find in this respect as the measurements of the badges particularly differ. Those which you recognize as being old badges please note as such. By the way, have you any definite data relative to the Saint Anna badge with the crown? My more modern book does not treat of this badge and I wish to have some authentic information relative to it.

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At present, I am busy accumulating data and arranging it for the re-writing of the accounts. I hope to have one or two orders ready by next month in their final form, with possibly the exception of the statutes. It takes quite a time to translate these statutes as they are in official Russian and therefore difficult. However, I hope to have the help of a friend of mine in this work. The Russian is even too official for my wife. I have decided to accept Mr. Gillingham's advice and triple-space my sentences. This leaves plenty of room for additions or corrections.

in my opinion
By the way, I am looking for an English word which will take the place of "merits" as I used it at first. The meaning refers to meritorious actions on the part of officers but not necessarily in battle. It also refers to services of merit performed by civilians. I am looking for a single word if possible to replace a group of words or a phrase. Can you suggest anything?

Well, I must stop now and write to Mr. Gillingham. I have written him quite a number of accounts of Russian medals. That is, I have given him their history and a translation of the inscriptions on them. If you care to have a copy of these accounts, Mr. Gillingham will be happy, I am sure to loan you these accounts. Unhappily, the only copy I kept is the one I am saving for a future monograph on Russian medals.

Let me hear from you soon, and be sure to let me know when you hear of some good Russian pieces on the market.

Sincerely,

P.S. I enclose a translation of the statutes of the "FURSTLICH LIECHTENSTEIN JUBILEE MEMORIAL MEDAL". As I remember, you wished for a copy of this.

Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Ave.
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Your letter came to hand the other day, together with the package containing the coins, but as yet I have not seen the book on the Order of the Crown of Austria and the St. Anna sword knot. Were these coming under separate cover? I will enter in our books as a loan, the Masonic badges of your grandfather which you can call for at any time you wish. We are very glad to have these pieces. The others will enter as gifts, and many thanks to you.

I am glad to know about the gilt ruble, and that such rubles were officially done. I think your advice is good about writing to the museum in Petrograd, for Soviet decorations. We know one of the curators - Predlak. I am herewith enclosing a list of the millimetres of all our Russian decorations. I have no data concerning those badges with crowns. Both of our jewelled stars and ^{only} of the black enamel badges have crowns. It looks as if this was done unofficially. It is rather hard to think up a good single word for merits. We always say, and have labeled on our cards, "Meritorious Service", "Distinguished Service", and sometimes "Honor Medal".

Many thanks for the copy of the statutes of the Liechtenstein Medal.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

April 13, 1931

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Many thanks for the Russian paper money you sent us.
Nearly all of these we did not have.

Concerning the decoration; you have picked one of the few pieces that we have not been able to definitely locate. I have seen this piece before in two or three sizes. Mr. Gillingham and I think it is one of the ephemeral orders gotten out by some adventurer, and we are inclined to think that it was that Frenchman that set himself up as king of the Sahara some years ago. He made a lot of money in sugar and then had grand ideas of becoming great. One of his sons, if I remember rightly, was murdered by his wife a few years ago on Long Island.

Several months ago you sent us some coins from which we took out a number. I have just come across those that were duplicates. None of them are rare and most of them are simply current coins and might amount to several dollars in silver value. Do you want us to return these to you, or what?

Sincerely yours,

Curator.



UNITED COSTUMERS, Inc.

BRANCH NUMBER TWO

6011-19 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

HEMPSTEAD 3178

April 15th, 1931.

My Dear Mr. Wood:

At last, after much waiting, I have sent off to you the miniature Russian medals of which I wrote you. I have not sent the Saint Anna Sword Knot as the one I planned to send is a bit different from the other one in my collection. I have included in the packet a medallion of Franz-Joseph, Emperor of Austria and one of Luther Burbank. Not knowing whether or not you would like to have them, I thought it best to include them.

I have also included in the packet a copy of a very interesting little French book on the Orders and decorations of France ~~and~~ and the French Colonies. If the Society already has a copy, please send this one to the Huntington Library with which the Society has a connection.

By this time you have already received the Russian money (paper) which was sent on with the regulations of the Austrian Order of the Iron Crown. I had a friend mark them and sent them off without checking the markings. I suggest that you have someone re-check them.

I have tried to find out something definite about the Russian badge of which you sent me the rubbing. It is a badge of office of a Russian judge in one of the provinces, either Finland or Poland. As soon as I have some definite information, I shall let you know. The Serbian word which you sent has a meaning in Russian which would not seem to fit in with a decoration. The Russian word, pronounced the same way, means "FLOWERS".

I have recently bought from Germany some early Russian medals. They are of the period of Peter the Great and Catherine II. They will help me ~~on~~ in my work on the monograph on Russian Decorations and Medals. I have recently been adding some decorations of other countries to my collection. However, these are only occasional additions and I am still specializing in Russian pieces.

I shall have to stop now and get to work on an order. Let me hear from you soon. Thanks lots for the card to the American Numismatic Society. I have sent it off.

Sincerely yours,

Alan W. Hays

April 23, 1931

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
6011-19 Santa Monica Blvd
Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Our last two letters probably crossed. Your letter of the 15th is now before me and I am very glad to get the miniature Russian medals as well as the one of Franz-Joseph. Also the Austrian medal. We have two copies of the one of Burbank so I am returning this one to you as you might be able to use it elsewhere. I will hand to Mr. Noe the little French book. We have a copy but I have not been able to locate it to see if your book is a later edition. The Russian money came to hand the other day and in glancing over the notes I see that the bulk of them are pieces that we do not have so we are glad to get them. I have located the Serbian medal but have not made out the word, but this is not now so important. The piece was gotten out by Alexander of Serbia who was assassinated and the order was then suppressed.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

September 18, 1931.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton, Esq.
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Now that the summer is over and I am paying more attention to affairs I have been able to go over your manuscript and work out the plates of illustrations. Following your tentative arrangement I have done this:

Colored frontispiece, Badge of the Order of St. Andrews.

- Plate 1. Star of the Order of St. Andrews.
- " 2. Badge of the Order of St. Catherine.
- " 3. In color, Badge of the Order of St. Alexander-Nevsky.
- " 4. Star of the Order of St. Alexander-Nevsky.
- " 5. Badge of the Order of the White Eagle.
- " 6. Star of the Order of the White Eagle.
- " 7. In color, Badge of the Order of St. George.
- " 8. Star of the Order of St. George.
- " 9. Badge of the Order of St. Vladimir.
- " 10. Star of the Order of St. Vladimir.
- " 11. Badge of the Order of St. Anna.
- " 12. In color, Star of the Order of St. Anna.
- " 13. Black enamelled Badge of St. Anna.
- " 14. Badge of the Order of St. Stanislav.
- " 15. Star of the Order of St. Stanislav.
- " 16. St. George and St. Anna Swords.
- " 17. Insignia of Distinction and St. George's Medal.
- " 18. Order of the Red Cross.
- " 19. Polish Order Virtuti Militari.
- " 20. Order of St. Nicholas the Miracle Worker.

You will see by this we have included a few more plates than your original lay-out. There are a few questions I would like to take up with you.

Plate 2. - We propose to make a half one plate of the line drawing of the Order of St. Catherine; this would make it less contrasting than if we made a line plate.

The only badge we have of the Order of St. George is of the lowest class that comes in enamel. This is the common badge one generally sees. As this is a

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colored plate I was wondering if you have a larger badge than this to show. The Star of the Order you have sent on of St. George does not look very good to me as the colors are wrong and the Russian letters are hardly readable. Also, the shape of the Star according to illustrations is not correct. We will include this, if you say so. I only queried this in case you had not given it due thought.

You have asked for a colored plate of the jewelled Star that we have of the Order of St. Anna. As only a small part is in color and the brilliants may or may not render themselves well in a colored plate, I have questioned the use of this. Also the Cross in the center is not the peculiar Cross used in the regular Stars. I suppose you want to show one illustration of these stars set with brilliants. If so, why not have this black and white instead of in color, or, as I have mentioned, use the regular Star? The next plate is our specimen of the black enamelled Badge of St. Anna. This class of badge in this color comes in your introduction. Why not make this a colored plate, rather than the Star?

As regards the colored lithograph showing the sword hilts of the Order of St. George and St. Anna, I would advise using the whole plate, first making a photograph of it and painting out on the photograph the Russian wording and numerals and substituting Arabic numerals to fit your explanation of this plate. By leaving the two swords at the sides and the two daggers at the bottom we can make a better looking plate. We need not, however, mention these swords.

You will note I have combined on Plate 17 the Insignia of Distinction and the St. George Medal. The ribbon of these two is the same. What I propose to do, with your concurrence, is to show at the top of the plate the Insignia of Distinction with ribbon at one side; at the bottom, the reverse of this medal and on the other side, at the bottom, the obverse of the St. George Medal without ribbon.

Plate 18. - We propose to illustrate the Order of the Red Cross, a specimen of which we have here of the Second Class with the plain bow knot ribbon which apparently is original.

You also mention the Virtuti Militari Cross. We have a small size of this in silver dated 1831 which is the Russian Order.

Also, why not illustrate the Badge you sent on of the Order of St. Nicholas the Miracle Worker; you have sent on the copy for the text. The question now comes up - do you want the St. Nicholas Badge mentioned and shown before or after the Polish Order? According to your say, I will make one of these Plate 19 and the other Plate 20.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

Curator

ALAN W. HAZELTON
1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Monday Evening.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have at hand your letter of the eighteenth and am very happy to hear from you again. I hope that you passed a very happy Summer and are now glad to get back into the steady grind.

As a whole, I find the list of illustrations satisfactory. I shall now take up each question as you put them.

Plate 2. - I quite agree with you that a half-tone will be better for this drawing than a line plate. Do you not also think it wise to add to the plate a note to the effect that the size is approximate? I made a very careful comparison and had the proportions worked out most carefully in accordance with my findings. However, lest there be some confusion I believe that such a note should be inserted. The final decision shall rest with you.

As to the Saint George Order badge. As this is the class in which collectors usually find this badge, I feel that it should be better to use the one you have. However, I have a larger badge which I shall be only too happy to send on if you think it would be better to use it. Let us omit the Saint George star. It was made by John R. Gaunt and Sons of London for a Russian but was never bought by him. I realize that the colouring is incorrect and the Russian lettering is indistinct. As I remember the shape is diamond-shape which is correct. As even an advanced collector is usually unable to find one of these stars I believe that it will do no harm to leave this plate out.

I quite agree with you as to the jewelled star of Saint Anna. Let us make the black badge the coloured plate and the jewelled star the black and white plate. If we drop the Saint George star we shall be able to insert either a plate of the ordinary Saint Anna star or some other plate. I like the idea of the jewelled star as after all the monograph is written for collectors and I like the idea of giving as much data as possible relative to the various types of badges and the variations. If I remember correctly your black enamelled Saint Anna badge also has the crown. This will be splendid as it will show really two variations. Might it not be a good idea to insert this in the part near the introduction where I mention the black enamelled and the crowned badges?

As to the plate of the Sword of Saint George and the sword of Saint Anna, I am in complete accord with your ideas.

Regarding the plate I7; as the ribbon of the third class of the Insignia of Distinction has the bow, and the ribbon of the silver 4th class Medal of Saint George has no bow I believe that it would be

a good idea to show on one of the medals the ribbon without the bow. I think your idea of the one plate for these three is excellent.

I am happy to hear that you are going to show the badge of the second class of the Red Cross Order. I do not have a specimen of this in my collection and did not realize that you had one.

It is also a splendid idea to illustrate the badge of the Order Virtuti Militari.

As the Order of Saint Nicolas the Miracle Worker is an Imperial Russian Order, it is quite appropriate that it should be represented by a plate of the badge. The Order should properly be worn immediately after Saint George and preceeding Saint Vladimir. However, as it is a new decoration and not recognized by many ex-soldiers and officers I am in some doubt as to its place in the monograph as finally made up. I do believe that it should preceed the accounts of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem and the Order Virtuti Militari. These were extinct orders for many years and are given in the monograph only because they were once under Russian jurisdiction and should therefore be included in any work about Russian Orders.

Really, Mr. Wood, I feel that many of these questions could best be decided by you and Mr. Noe. I am unfamiliar with this sort of work and with the policies and ideas of the Society regarding such matters. I am always only too happy to give my ideas but really believe that the final decision should rest with you two who have done this sort of thing well and ably for many years.

Quite recently I had a letter from A.H. Baldwin and Sons regarding the Saint Catherine badge. They tell me that the decoration is very scarce--extremely so-- and that they know of no specimen which could be photographed. I believe that we have done the best thing to have had a drawing made from the illustration in the Russian book and from the description as given in that same book. I should have liked very much to have been able to secure a photograph of the badge. ~~No~~

How do things go with the Society and the Museum? I hope that the depression has not seriously effected the activities of the Museum and its staff. I believe that it is up to all members of the Society to try to contribute at least one item to the museum for its cases. I shall go through all my duplicate Russian medals and shall send you any which I think you do not have. I shall also send you a Saint George's knot as used on the naval dirk. I have two of these. One is at the costume company to be copied for use in a picture. As soon as it is finished I shall send the knot on to you. I have added nothing new to my collection. However, I have a credit of over four pounds with Baldwin & but am waiting until there is something very nice which comes along. Does the Society go in for miniature medals? If so, I shall send on a copy of the miniature Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal unless you already have a copy. I am keeping my eyes open for Russian coins and if I secure any I shall send them on to you. There is a lady here who has quite a number but I cannot pry her loose from them.

Enclosed is an Air Mail cover with the cachet of the Los Angeles Air Post. Do you go in for this sort of thing? I am making a collection

as they are issued.

By the way, I have quite a number of early American postage stamps. You realize the many points for which one has to look in these stamps. I know very little about them and still less about their value and the way of knowing whether one stamp is valuable or not. If it will not be too much trouble to you may I send these on to you for your inspection. If there are any of good value I should like to sell them and use the monies for my medal collection. Some of these are on covers. Some are also stamped envelopes and post cards. If you could look them over for me and let me know as to their value I shall be very much indebted to you. If you believe it worth while, after inspection, I should like to have you arrange for their sale for me at the most advantageous prices. I realize that all old stamps are not necessarily valuable but these may be of some value. Of course, I shall be only too pleased to come to some arrangement with you as to your share should you dispose of them for me. Please look upon this ~~xxxx~~ as a personal arrangement between the two of us and having nothing to do with the Society.

I hope that you, Mr. Noe, and the other members of the Society staff are well. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Cordially yours,

Alan W. Hazelton

September 28, 1931. .

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Your letter just received and I will get busy at once on preparing these badges for plate making.

In regard to St. George's Cross, I was more perturbed about its shape than its color, as I compared it only with the badges in the Russian book you sent us. I have now compared it with illustrations in other books and I find that it's very little out of the way in outline, if any. Therefore, as the cut would be black and white, it will probably make as fair a reproduction as a genuine one would. I, therefore, think I would include it. I will write you more later, but I want to attend to these things now.

Many thanks for the air mail cover; I do have a few of these but I do not go seriously into them. I do not see how I can help you much on your early American stamps, as I have never gone into these and really do not know what is good and what is not, also I cannot tell one minor variety from another. The little experience I have had in trying to sell stamps to dealers gives me a headache. At the present moment, there is only one dealer I know of who I have any degree of confidence in; his name is Toastpern. He knows the U. S. and I have always heard that he has been very fair. If you want to send the stamps on, about the best I could do would be to take them to him and trust absolutely in his word. If you want me to do this, send them on. I am inclined to think the market, as in everything else, is not of the best right now. Most would rather sell than buy.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



September 30th, 1931.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Under separate cover I am sending you today the following:--One silver medal of the third class of the Order of Saint George, complete with ribbon and bow; one silver cross of the third class of the Insignia of Distinction, complete with ribbon and bow. Later, I shall send the Saint George's dirk knot of which I wrote you.

Also, I would like you to speak for me at the next meeting of the Society along the following lines; I believe that this year the number of additions to the cabinets of the Society will be smaller than usual. I base this belief on the fact that due to the present business depression many collectors will not feel able to buy items for the Society. I would suggest that each member of the Society carefully look through his collection and choose at least one item for presentation to the Society. In this way, the collection of the Society will be increased and without any drain on one or two collections. The two Russian decorations I am sending you are my contribution to this idea.

Does the Society ever hold auctions, the proceeds of which go to the Society? If so, I have several duplicates which are also on the list which you sent me. I have three silver police medals of the late Emperor's reign, two silver medals for the coronation of the late Emperor, and one silver medal

of the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78. These I shall be happy to contribute to such an auction and allow the proceeds to be applied to the Society for use in buying new medals not in the Society's cabinets.

Along with the Russian pieces which I wish to give the Society I am sending five (5) pieces as a loan. These were medals of my father. They are as follows:-

United States Army Spanish War Medal.

Pennsylvania State Medal to Marksmen Who Entered the War With Spain.

National Guard of Pennsylvania Marksman Badge.

National Guard of Pennsylvania Badge for Pistol Shooting.

Badge of the Auxilliary of the United States War Veterans, this latter my Mother's.

I should be happy to make a gift of these to the Society but wish to keep them until my Son is grown and says what he would like to have done with them. Should the Society not wish to have these as a loan, please send them back to me.

Will you please speak to Mr. Noe relative to the following matter. I have a fine copy of "British Orders of Knighthood" by Nicolas. The Society also has a copy. Would the Huntington Library in Westchester County care to have a copy of this work? I must clear my shelves of some books which are not of such great importance to me. If the Huntington Library would like to have these books I shall be happy to send them on to them. Mr. Noe may let me know about this.

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How does work progress on my monograph? I am waiting as patiently as possible for its appearance. I have never before appeared in such dignified print and therefore am especially impatient to see the result of my labours. I am working on the monograph on Russian

Decorations and Medals. When I have exhausted the information which I have, I shall probably beg your help and the loan of one or two books from the Society's shelves. However, it will be sometime yet before I have finished with my data.

By the way, I have received monographs numbers 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48. Am I entitled to numbers 41 and 43? If so, will you please ask Mr. Koe to send them on to me.

Well, there is nothing new at present other than that of which I have written you. I shall be happy to hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

Alan W. Houston

P.S. You will note that the Insignia of Distinction is not made of silver but of some other metal. Can you tell me what metal this is? I know very little about metals. I am also sending on a modern trade token. Some day this may be of interest.

October 7, 1931.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

When your letter of September 30th came Mr. Noe was away and I also held off answering until the package came. I wish to thank you most sincerely for the gift of the Order of St. George and Insignia of Distinction. The top part of the ribbon is not fastened in quite the same way as the first one sent, but I can easily change this to look like the other one. I am thinking over your suggestion about the gift of duplicates and will undoubtedly bring this up at the next meeting; we have brought up this subject several times. We also have what we call "Christmas donations" which I think I will make more of this year than usual. There are several of our members that do consistently turn over their duplicates to us, but with one or two exceptions the duplicates turned over are more bother than they are worth, though, naturally, we do get something out of them.

We do not hold auction sales. Ever since we have become a museum and have been in this building this custom has been frowned upon. They used to have them years ago when it was a small closely knit social organization. We, however, do sell over the counter a good many coins. We generally try to give those members that come up first chance before we dispose of them otherwise.

As regards the medals belonging to your father, we have in our own collection all these medals and I would simply put them away in a box marked with your name. I have here, as you may remember, some Masonic medals you sent on sometime ago. I would be very glad to hold these here for you but they are really not doing anyone much good. If you wish, I can return them, but, would be very glad to keep them here if you want to have them in safe-keeping.

We have two copies of the "British Orders of Knighthood" and Mr. Noe thinks that we would not need in any way a third copy. The expense of sending it on would be something and we would probably simply wrap it up and store it. It would, as far as we know, bring comparatively little if sold.

Your monograph has not yet gone to the printer and I have only just finished the last of the photographing. I expect to give these

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photographs to the half-tone maker on Friday and possibly the four plates for the color illustrations on Friday as well. I do not blame you for wanting to see it in print, but you must be patient for a little while longer.

I am having the missing numbers of the monographs sent to you.

The metal in the "Insignia of Distinction" must be what is called German silver, which is really a nickel alloy.

As I think I wrote you I am using the St. George Star and I am showing the Black Badge of St. Anna in colors. We have rephotographed the plate of swords and I think it will make a nice illustration.

So far, the depression has not affected our resources. Donations, however, have fallen off a trifle both in numbers and quality, although we did have turned over to us in the spring from another museum a large collection which we have not wholly been able to go through as yet. So far, we have not gone out of our way to get miniature medals. We have a large number that have come in to us and in a number of instances I have attached these to the corner of the card where we are showing the regular medal and in other instances where we have no regular medal, I show the miniature.

What do you want to do about the postage stamps; let me know and I will be glad to help you in any way I can.

Very truly yours,

IHW:JG

Curator

ALAN W. HAZELTON
1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

December 6th, 1931.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Please excuse me for being so tardy about writing you. I must admit that there has been no real reason why I should not have done so, but have just kept putting it off from day to day.

I am returning by the same post to Mr. Noe the final first proof sheets of my monograph. I have made very few corrections, and these only when the meaning seemed obscure or conflicting. I am glad that work progresses so well on it.

I have been very fortunate in finding a world of additional information regarding the early Russian War Medals. This information is also absolutely authentic as it is part of the text of a set of Russian books published officially by order of the late Emperor. I am hard at work on the translation (and I mean just that too-hard work). Of course it will not be very soon before I have completed this monograph. In fact, it will probably be a long time yet as each month I learn something new about Russian medals. I recently learned that the 1814 medal for the Entry Into Paris was struck, in some cases, in platinum instead of in silver.

About the Masonic badges and the medals which I sent you. If they are not of real use to the Museum send them back by all means. I know that you do not have too much room and of course the Museum is not a storage room. I must admit that I do not quite know what to do with the Masonic pieces. I guess the best plan will be to put them in my box in the bank.

The stamp collecting goes on apace. Of course, this takes second place to the medals but still it gives me pleasure. Also, it has the added advantage that I spend but very little money in order to have the pleasure. I thank you for your offer regarding ~~the~~ helping me with the stamps. I do not believe that I shall accept it at this time, as I may later wish to dispose of some additional U.S. stamps on covers. Thank you just the same. By the way do you know of any listing of the pre-adhesive stamps used by postmasters in this country? I have a number of such stamped covers and should like to know something of their value.

I hope that you and Mr. Noe are well and that the

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CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

Museum is growing. Let me hear from you about all the new War Medals and Decorations. I greatly regret that I am so far away that I am unable to visit the Museum more than once a year.

Most cordially yours,

Alan Hazelton.

December 14, 1931.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

I am glad to know that you have been able to dig up more information about the Russian war medals. A good monograph on these, I think, would be most desirable.

Concerning the Masonic badges, we are perfectly willing to keep them here, subject to your order. It is absolutely no trouble to do this and as you state you hardly know what to do with them, why not let them stay here until you might want them or have some call for them?

As far as I know, there is no listing of the post marks, as I take it that is what you mean, used by the postmasters before the advent of stamps. Even though a value is expressed on the stamp, if there is the month and day date, it is considered a post mark. If the date is not on, it is considered a stamp and the few that are known are listed in Scott's catalogue. There are a very few collectors of these, but not enough to make them of any especial value. A few dealers buy these, but not all, and I do not think any of them give very much.

We have had nothing in the way of new decorations. I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

HW: JG

Curator

ALAN W. HAZELTON

1343 WARNER AVENUE

WEST LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

December 22nd, 1931

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have your letter of the fourteenth and am happy to hear from you again. I am working on the translations of the new material on Russian war medals and find myself very busy. The Russian is most difficult as it is real official Russian and quite different from that to which I am accustomed. However, I have made some progress and expect to do more as soon as a friend can get around to helping me. The work I am using is an official one, being edited by order of the late Emperor. It is interesting to note that even this official work is in doubt as to whether or not the medals of Peter the Great were meant to be worn. Some, we know were so meant, but of others even they are in doubt. My silver Poltava medal has had a suspension hole added so that the medal might be worn. It is known that some of these medals were actually worn by the recipients. Perhaps the bronze Poltava medal which I sent you was one of these so issued and never holed for wearing.

I shall be very grateful if you will keep the Masonic badges for a while yet. Later I shall decide just what to do with them. As it is, I shall very soon have to have another cabinet for my medals as the one I now have is very nearly filled.

This postage stamp collecting is great sport. I have added a few to my album but am not spending any great amount on it. I have a rather wide foreign correspondence and as a result I have accumulated quite a number of stamps. I do buy a sheet of each of the Commemorative stamps which are issued. These sheets I file away and expect to dispose of later; at a profit, I hope. I have a number of the envelopes with the post marks but have just accumulated these. If you have a want list why not mail me a copy and let me see if I have in my collection anything you need. I have a number of duplicates and may find something you would like.

I wish I could be East for the Annual Meeting next month but this is impossible. Someday, however, I shall make it. I am going to search through my collection and see if there is not something I can send for the Museum. I wish to do everything possible to build up the collection. In my will I have left the collection I may have to the Society, provided that my son does not wish to retain it and continue to build it. If he elects to do this I have instructed him to turn over to the Society the final collection at his death. This may seem to be carrying the matter pretty far but my wife wishes it to be so, and I hope to make a collector out of my boy.

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I have added nothing to my collection for some little time. Not only do I have to economize but also I have so much in the Russian field that it is difficult to find new material. I have bid on a few items in the Otto Helbig Nachf sale to be held in January. There are two items I very much wish to have. I should also like to have the platinum I8I4 medal but that is out of the ~~next~~ question at this time. I am looking about for some means of increasing my income so that I shall have a bit more to spend on my collection. If business keeps on being so poor I shall not be able to add anything to my cabinet.

Well, I must close now and get to bed. I have seen the proofs of the colour plates and find them excellent. I am sending them back to Mr. Noe tomorrow. I think these pictures are the equal of any I have seen and your photographer deserves great credit.

Most cordially yours,

Alan Hazelton.

December 29, 1931.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Your letter of December 28nd at hand and I am glad that you are working on Russian War Medals, as I think there will be some demand for this work. I have played with stamps off and on - just now I am "off", as I am paying off a mortgage and several other things with a slightly restricted income. For the most part I only collect types and I go into a huddle with myself and decide on which one, that is, color or denomination, I want; then I go to work and get it in the best condition possible. I tried to interest the children in stamp collecting but their enthusiasm died out in a short time.

I am much gratified to know that you are thinking of our collection in the future. Although a good many have stated that they are eventually going to turn over their collections to us, I wish more had this idea.

In a previous letter, you asked me, through Mr. Noe, if we had the Long Beach Medal given to returning soldiers of the world war. I cannot find it in our collection and would be very glad if you could sometime pick one up for us. We have several hundred of these, issued by different cities, organizations, etc.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

ALAN W. HAZELTON

1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

January 13th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Wishing to begin the New Year in the correct way I enclose two gifts to the Museum. One is a copper token of N. S. Hopkins; the other is a silver Kopek of Tzar Mihael Feodorovitch of Russia. I hope that the Museum does not have either of these. If you should already have these perhaps you could sell them for something for the Museum.

I have added nothing new to my collection. A few coins, gifts of friends, have crept in, but otherwise nothing. I am working on the translations and tomorrow expect to translate from an encyclopedia in Russian. I don't know if I shall find anything interesting in this encyclopedia but hope so. It is so difficult now. I have translated all the accounts of which I wrote you but find now that these accounts do not include the naval awards. Therefore, I am having a difficult time regarding these. I hope to get a book from Finland which will give me the complete data up to 1909 (?) but am not sure of securing this.

What is new at the Museum? I hope that the past year has been a good one for you and that the New Year will be even better. Will you be so good as to send me a list of the Russian coins you have in the Museum, I particularly want all the data you can give me. There are two reasons for this request. First, I have an opportunity of picking up from time to time from a Russian friend some rubles and other coins; also, I should like to have this list for my friend who is collecting rubles and is writing a paper on them. He cannot afford to join the Society at this time but I expect later that he shall permit me to propose his name. I shall be grateful for this list.

Hoping that both you and Mr. Noe are well, and looking forward to hearing from you soon, I am,

Cordially yours,

Alan Hazelton.

January 29, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Please pardon me for not acknowledging your letter of January 13th. I was very glad to receive the two pieces you sent on, especially the one of the Czar Michael, as we did not have this. The little token of Hopkins we did have, he had already sent us one of these.

Concerning the Russian naval awards, I think Hoe can make somewhat of a check-up on these from Wilford Haven's book on Naval Medals. I do not guarantee that this is complete but it may serve to some extent in checking up.

There is really little news here. Accessions were a little better than the year before, but below the average. One never can tell just what the next year will bring for a large unexpected collection might come in and bring our batting average way up. The hard times has tightened up money contributions and presumably has tightened up gifts of coins, to some extent. I will try to get off to you, as soon as my assistant has a free moment, a list of the Russian coins that we have here. I do know that we have nothing rare in the series.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

February 2, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

I am herewith enclosing a
list of the Russian coins we have in our
collection, from the time of Peter the Great.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

ALAN W. HAZELTON

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CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

February 5th, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I was very happy to receive your letter of January twenty-ninth. I am glad that you like the the two pieces that I sent on. From time to time I shall send you various Russian coins as I receive them. After receiving the list from you I shall know better what to send you. I have now two rubles which I shall send if they are not on your list. If possible, I should like to have as complete descriptions of the pieces as possible for there are quite a number of varieties among the rubles. One of my friends here, a Russian boy, has a splendid collection of Russian rubles. He is making a speciality of these and has almost a complete set. I have tried to get him to join the Society. He would like to do so but does not have five dollars extra. His money comes as an allowance from his Mother who receives her income from Harbin Manchuria; as a result of the present troubles there he is uncertain of his allowance. I should certainly like to give him a membership but I just cannot afford to do so at this time.

I did not know that Prince Louis of Battenburg's book contains anything about naval awards other than British. I had one at one time and gave it to a friend. I shall be very glad if Mr. Noe can discover anything for me.

I am sorry that the past year accessions were below the average. Let us hope that this year will find many new items in the museum. If all the active members will only give one or two good items per month the collection will certainly grow. It is my aim during this year to give at least twelve items to the museum which are not in the cabinets. Of course, if I can I shall give more than twelve, but that number is the minimum. I certainly wish I was wealthy enough to give more.

Tuesday evening we had a Lincoln-Washington night at the California Coin Club. It was very interesting. There were some beautiful medals, plaques, and pieces of paper money shown. We had a talk by a man who had met Lincoln and seen him many times in Washington. I greatly enjoyed the talk and the exhibition.

February 10, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

I was very much interested in the contents of your long interesting letter. Have you ever met Arthur C. Nyman, who lives at Los Altos and who I know belongs to the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society? He is now the President of it. Whether he gets down your way I do not know - you will find him most interesting and for several years he was my assistant here.

Your suggestion that we send an exhibition is very timely. We have what is known as a travelling exhibit - you probably have seen it here. It is a bird's eye view of coinage arranged by centuries, ten coins to a century, every coin with a label together with special labels for each century. This I am very sure we could send out to the convention and probably either before or after it could be on view for a few months in some museum. It has travelled extensively around the country but at the moment I do not recall whether it has been in Los Angeles. Application for this should be in the form of a written request from either the President of the California Coin Club or the Chairman of the Convention Committee, and if any museum or library want it application should also come from either one of those institutions.

As for increasing our membership - we have and we have not tried to get new members. In the past several years, we have circularized all of the collectors in the country and after one of these drives have added a number of new names. Our experience has been that people gotten in this way do not stick very long. We find our monographs do not interest the majority, as the bulk of the collectors collect only United States coins and are not what one could call scholars. We have little to offer the out of town member except our monographs. We are always looking for new members but have not tried very hard since the depression to get members, as we do not want to be turned down. If a person has turned us down once, he is apt to again. If you wish, we would be most pleased to have you do all you can in getting associates and I am enclosing a few application cards. Also we find that quite a number confuse our Society with the American Numismatic Association. We really do want to build up our membership, as it has fallen off of late, not only by resignations but also by death. I think you know that one can only start in as an associate at \$5.00 a year. Later the Council may offer him the

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chance of becoming a fellow. For the most part, we keep the fellow's list confined to New York and vicinity because the fellows are the voters at the meetings.

Many thanks for the Guatemalan stamps, I only had two of these.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

February 18, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1843 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

I am enclosing rubbings of the Russian medals you desired. Unfortunately as they have rings and sometimes ribbons attached I cannot make good rubbings of them. If you wish we will photograph these as presumably we will use the photographs later. I am also enclosing a silver cross dated 1917 and 1918 which may mean something. If you can work this out I would be grateful. He has already written you in detail covering your letter.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

ALAN W. HAZELTON

1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

March 6th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I received the letter from Mr. Noe with the enclosed suggestions for changes in the form of writing the monograph. I have been unable to do anything further on this as I have been very busy trying to get business. All of a sudden our business went to pot and we are trying very hard to bring it at least a bit of the way back. This takes most of my time during the day and in the evenings I have been too tired to do anything.

Enclosed you will find five (5) Russian coins not on your list. These I begged from a friend's duplicates for the Museum. The friend is Mr. Maslenikoff, of whom I wrote you. I hope later to have him as a member of the Society.

I also enclose something which may be of interest to the library. It is a translation of a book I received from Finland. The translation is in some parts naively literal but you can re-write it if you so desire.

The California Coin Club will be delighted to receive the Society's travelling exhibit. As a result of my letter to you and your reply, I have been made a member of the Exhibits committee for the convention. I have also been appointed to design our convention medal. Thank goodness I was not appointed a member of the entertainment committee. I shall write you later about the exhibit. We plan to place it in one of the banks; in the Museum here; and in several of the colleges and universities. Will you be kind enough to give me further information about the exhibit and also tell me the usual procedure for exhibiting it.

I have added three pieces to my collection. A jewelled star of St. Alexander-Nevsky; a large silver medal of Alexander III "For Merit"; and the Peter The Great medal for the capture of ~~Lyuban~~ *Nienschantz*.

I received from Finland a number of bronze Russian medallions. These are priced very reasonably but I do not feel that at this time I can spend any more on medals. I am keeping one, however, to send you for the Museum. It is a fine large bronze medallion commemorating the five hundredth anniversary of the Russian Artillery. The obverse bears the head of the Emperor Alexander III and the reverse has an inscription and

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a wreath showing the developement of Russian ordnance. It is a splendid piece. I should like to keep it myself but feel that the Museum should have it.

There is very little new to write about. I hope to have several names to present for membership very soon. I plan to go through my library very soon and make a complete list of the books I have on decorations and war medals. I shall then send a copy of the list to Mr. Noe with those items marked which I am willing to give to the Society if they wish them.

By the way, there are several rubbings I should like to have of the Russian coins. I know you are short-handed at the present time so when you feel you have the time let me know and I shall send you the list.

That is about all for tonight. Give my best regards to Mr. Noe and to the others whom I know.

Most sincerely yours,

Alan Hazelton.

P. S. I do not have a star (pin) to go with the St. Andrew badge, I shall send you mine. I can get another later as they are not scarce.

Hazelton.

March 17, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Many thanks for the five little Russian coins. These have already been placed in our Cabinet. We were very glad to get the translation of the account of Finnish orders. I have not checked it thoroughly but I think this is a translation of a pamphlet we already had in Finnish but which we had never had translated.

As regards our traveling exhibit. It is packed in a small box, each coin in an envelope with photographs to show the order of arrangement and labels for every coin. There are about 260 coins taking up 26 centuries with 10 coins in a row. Each row would therefore take up at least two and a half feet in width and they ought to be spaced at least four rows apart. We generally show these in five of our flat exhibition cases, that is cases about two feet by three feet. The coins must be shown flat or nearly so. When you do write me try to give me the names of the organizations who are going to show them and about the time they will be shown because possibly I may turn them over to Mr. Wyman to show further north. If you should see Wyman you could take up the matter with him. Naturally they should be exhibited in safe places, in a bank, most libraries and any Museum.

Let me know what rubbings you would like of our Russian coins and I will have them sent to you.

We do not have the Star of the Order of St. Andrew. I hate to have you rob yourself of it but we never refuse anything. Again thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

HL:JG

Curator

May 28, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1348 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

In March we were in correspondence concerning the traveling exhibit. It was left somewhat as follows, that a formal application for it should be made by either the convention committee or the institution in which it would be shown, with the date wanted and date on which it would be returned. If this exhibit is still wanted, will you try to set the wheels in motion because I have one or two other applications for it and want to line up the schedule for the late summer and fall.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



July 25th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Please excuse me for not answering your very kind letter of some time ago. I have really had no time to devote to numismatics as I have been extremely busy, first with very important business discussions and secondly with trying to get orders and then executing those which I did get. I have either been busy evenings or have been too tired to think coherently enough to write. Please accept my apologies for being so remiss.

First, I wish to say that the A.N.A. Convention begins August 20th and lasts for one week. I imagine it is too late now to have the travelling exhibit sent out here. However, if it is not too late we should very much like to have it for two weeks here in California, and as a member of the California Coin Club Exhibitions Committee I officially make this request on behalf of the C.C.C. I have had a difficult time meeting with the Exhibits Committee so as to know their pleasure but at last I have their instructions. I have told the Committee that it is probably too late but they have asked me to make the request.

There is very little news to give you as regards numismatic matters. I have designed the 1932 A.N.A. Convention Badge and it is now being made by Whitehead Hoag Co. I shall send you a copy for the Museum's Collection. I have tried to make a medal of which we can be proud but I fear that possibly I have too much lettering on the obverse. I should like to have your opinion when you receive the medal as I am interested in this work and hope to design

others. The obverse bears the facade of the old Spanish Mission in Los Angeles with the legend "La Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles", encircling it. The reverse has a yucca plant on each side and the lettering

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of course properly spaced. The medal is suspended from a ribbon of equal stripes of red, yellow and green (the old Spanish colours) and there is a name plate on the top of the ~~rib~~ ribbon. I tried to get away from the name-plate but the Club would not have it. The medal is the same size as the Italian "Al Valore Medal" and has a similar suspension loop. The colour is bright gilt. I wanted government bronze but the officers of the Club preferred the gilt. All in all I believe it to be an attractive medal for a Southern California Convention.

By the way, do you still have at the Museum the collection of Russian Regimental Badges? If so, will you please write the owner and ask him what price he now wants for them and if he will sell them on the installment plan. I should very much like to have them and feel that I now can begin to spend money for them. I should like to pay about \$75.00 down for them and \$25.00 ~~or~~ \$30.00 per month, maybe more. I should take it as a great favour if you would communicate with the owner and either arrange the matter yourself or have him come in touch with me. If the price is low enough I possibly could pay cash for them. This is just an idea as I should like very much to have them and feel that I can spend a bit each month towards them.

I have been unable to do very much on the new monograph. I have ordered from Finland a

book which will help me greatly and I hope to be able to do some real~~y~~ work on the monograph. As my information comes in so slowly and so irregularly and not in chronological order I think I shall write out the details on each medal or decoration on a separate page, or pages, and then they can be put in the proper order when I am ready to send in the manuscript. I find it especially difficult to get data on the naval medals so will be especially pleased if you will keep your eyes open for such information. The Army medals are not difficult except for the more modern ones but I hope to be able to work these out with the aid of the new book I am going to get.

That is about all the news so I shall close for tonight. Please give my best regards to Mr. Noe and to the others whom I know.

Hoping to hear from you very soon, I am,

Cordially yours,

Alan W. Hazelton.

July 28, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
United Costumers, Inc.
6807 Santa Monica Boulevard
Hollywood, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Your letter just at hand and I am sending off to you by express the travelling exhibit. Instructions for the same are on the inside of the top cover. I think everything will be easy for you to set up. It should be insured for at least \$1500.00. I have no other schedule for it just at present, therefore, when you are through with it return it to us.

I will be very glad to see the convention badge and will let you know what I think of it.

Some months ago Foster Stearns of Hancock, N. H. asked for the return of those Russian regimental badges implying that he wanted to sell them. You might open up negotiations with him concerning these.

Mr. Noe is away on his vacation but will be back next week. I trust that your book from Finland will help you out. I will try to keep my eyes open for any information but I cannot remember of anything coming in in the past and I doubt if I get any in the future.

Very truly yours,

WM:JU

Curator

ALAN W. HAZELTON

1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

August 25th, 1932.

My Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you a thousand times for the perfectly wonderful exhibit which you sent on to me. I insured it for \$1500.00 and it is now on exhibition. I am most interested in it and if I collected coins I believe I should try to make just such a collection. It has ~~invoked~~ ~~much interest~~ ~~much interest~~ and the collectors who came to the convention covet many of the pieces. They tell me that some of the pieces are the finest they have seen, particularly the old ones.

In spite of the poor attendance the convention has been quite a success. Our Club was able to arrange a very interesting and somewhat instructive program for the visitors and I feel certain that they have had a good time. They have visited a studio, seen the "Pilgrimage Play", been to the Huntington Museum and Library, heard the concert at the "Hollywood Bowl", gone to Catalina Island today, and have cards to the Athletic, Beach and Golf Clubs. The business of the convention was finished last night by an auction at which there were many of the public. Nothing very good was auctioned but I believe that many people enjoyed the evening just the same.

The exhibitions are splendid. Mr. Bauer brought some Grecian and Roman silver and a marvelous collection of Roman gold. Mr. Newcomb exhibited many of his copper cents but did not show his rarest. Mr. Stoddard exhibited a large number of his American gold, a collection which I thought was rather vulgar ostentation with 32 gold twenty dollars pieces of varying dates etc. and too many ten and five ~~dolla~~ dollars gold pieces. However he had some very lovely and interesting pieces. Dr. Pradeau, a member of the C.C.C., exhibited a part of his marvelous Mexican collection. He has some really interesting and rare pieces. Mr. Lee, also a member of our Club, showed his California twenty-five cents pieces, gold. The San Francisco Club had Siamese coinage, very interesting. I exhibited the A.N.S. collection and some of the flashier of my Orders and Decorations. Mr. Kean of our Club had his conglomeration of numismatic stuff, and Mr. Larson of the C.C.C. showed his Swedish copper plate money, interesting. Farran Zerbe exhibited a few pieces and there were two exhibits of paper money. Ray Ballinger of our Club had a plaque showing the geneological chart of the Kings of France and the Napoleon Family by means of coins, 5 franc pieces. All in all I found the exhibits very interesting and thoroughly enjoyed them.

I had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Wyman and having a couple of long talks with him. Unfortunately he leaves today for San Francisco. I like him very much and

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hope that I shall see him soon again, although I rather doubt it. We talked A.N.S. and Howland Wood for a long time last night as he had dinner with me. When you write him next you might ask him if the mysterious female met him last night. I went home too early to find out. He will get a kick out of it. He is really an awfully good scout. I rather got the "low down" on you as he was a bit reminiscent about Brown and a certain Class Night. When I come down to town next you might give me the "dope" about him so that I can confront him with his "past" when I see him next. I am only sorry he was the guest of the Victor MacLaughlins as I should have liked ~~to~~ to have him out to the house for an highball or two. We both missed you very much and feel that our time was not complete without you. I hope that someday we can rally round together for a good gab fest and the cup that cheers.

That is about all the Convention news except that one or two of us are going to get together and try to raise more interest in war medals and decorations. I hope that we shall have some results, which are satisfactory. With your permission I shall keep the exhibit for a short time after this week for exhibition in the Museum. Wyman tells me he would like to have it in San Francisco. I suppose he will write you about it.

I have received the books from Finland and they will give me some great help. Unfortunately they do not take up the naval medals. I am going to have the devil of a time with these as I have very few and no information of any consequence relating to them. However, next week I shall write you about all this.

Please give my best regards to Nov.

Cordially yours,

Alan

P.S. I enclose one of the Convention medals. It is satisfactory except that the Cathedral on the obverse is too high up on the surface. The church is the old Spanish Mission in Los Angeles, and the plants on the reverse are the "Yucca", the Southern California official plant.

September 5, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Hazelton:

I enjoyed reading your letter telling about the convention. I also received a shorter letter from Tyson who stated how pleased he was to have met you. I will try to give you the "low down" on Tyson when you come on east. We have seen one another off and on ever since we were boys.

Many thanks for the convention badge. We are always glad to get a specimen in our collection and I think we have about all of them, certainly all those in the past twenty years.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

September 22, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Hazelton:

Your letter came while I was away. Most of the first part of it I have turned over to Poe who will write you directly. Many thanks for the two medals that you sent on. We had, as you surmised, neither of these and naturally were glad to get them.

As far as I know Sculfort is reliable but like with any other cataloguers he had to depend upon the information that came with the medals that he catalogued. He is often quoted.

I hear now and then from Wyman and he is trying to get the coin exhibit which you now have in some proper place around San Francisco. I told him if he could not to let you know so that you could return this exhibit to us when you are through with it. If he does locate a place he will probably write to me at once and I will write you an official letter to send it where he directs.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

ALAN W. HAZELTON

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CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

September 25th, 1932.

Howland Wood, Esquire,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Wood:

After much thought, cogitation, ~~ex~~-cogitation, recogitation, and what have you, I am sending along to you my star of the Order of Saint Andrew. After I bought my badge of Saint Andrew I thought maybe to renig on my offer and ask you to let me keep the badge. However, after some thought I have decided to send it on for the Museum's collection. My badge is an 18th Century badge I am convinced; the star is modern. In as much as your badge is modern I believe it more fitting for the Society's Museum to have this particular star rather than to keep it for myself. I shall try to get hold of an 18th Century star to go with my badge and maybe sometime when things are better and my luck is good I shall be able to buy a modern badge and star which are a pair.

At the same time I send you the distinctive badge of a Russian judge. When this badge was worn by the judge it indicated that he was acting in his official capacity. I believe it was worn around the neck suspended from a gilt chain. I shall try later to secure some additional data regarding this and let you know. I shall not ship these until probably Tuesday or Wednesday as I shall want to take a caste of the judge's badge for use in my business.

By the way, I am still holding the Society's travelling exhibit. Wyman has asked me to hold it until I hear from him as he says they shall probably want to exhibit it in San Francisco. He writes that he has been in touch with you regarding this matter. Will you be good enough to let me know by Air Mail if it is alright to send it to him. I hate to take this responsibility myself with such a valuable collection although I know that Wyman's statements are ~~xixix~~ alright.

I wrote the gentleman who had the regimental badges (I cannot now remember his name) but he replied that he had sold the entire collection. I should certainly have liked to own it.

Did you ever find out if there was any data about Russian Naval medals in the book of Prince Louis of Battenburg? I have not a copy available for consultation here so do not know. I shall appreciate it if you will let me know about this.

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CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

Things go very slowly on the new monograph. I believe I wrote that I am having eye trouble. Then too, I shall wait to hear your answers to my questions before I do very much on the manuscript. I really feel quite at sea as to how to treat the subject. I have nearly made up my mind to exclude all civilian medals awarded to military or naval persons as on more thought I believe that all civilian medals were awarded, in some cases and to certain individuals, to those in the two services. However, that can all rest until I hear from you.

I shall stop now as my eyes hurt. Please give my best regards to Noe. He wrote asking if I would care to have my name proposed for a fellowship. I replied that I would very much like to have him do that. I believe you know that that is about the only "kudos" which I really would like to have. Let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Alan Hazelton

P.S. A friend who was a Prosecuting District Attorney in Russia tells me that the judge's badge is that of a Municipal Judge. All judges wore this kind of badge with their rank written on it. The two words, one on either side, indicate Municipal Judge. The date, 20 November 1864 is the date on which the modern Russian legal system was innagurated. On the reverse has been scratched the name "V. Leevin". I do not know if this is the name of the man who wore this badge.

September 30, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Hazelton:

Your letter of the 25th just at hand and I am beginning to reply. Many thanks in advance for the Star of St. Andrew. I will give you better and more fitting acknowledgment when it comes as well as concerning the Judge's badge. As regards the traveling exhibit I very much doubt if Wyman can place it and as it is unfair for you to assume the responsibility of holding it you might have it sent back to us here because Wyman himself has no safe place to keep it. The man's name who had the regimental badges is Foster Stearns, Gemini, Hancock, N. H. Louis Battenberg took up only the English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Netherland medals so he will not help you. I am very sorry you are having eye trouble and hope you will get this over with soon. I am glad that you have decided to become a fellow. Your name will come up at the Council meeting on the 14th.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

Curator

October 10, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Hazelton:

The Star of St. Andrew and the judge's badge came the other day - further acknowledgment later. I have just had word from Wyman that he has placed the traveling exhibit and has written you. If you have not sent this you are to send it to Mr. Lloyd L. Rollins as Wyman has directed.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

ALAN W. HAZELTON
1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

October 15th, 1932.

Dear Howland:

Just a short note enclosing this one-half gold rouble piece of the Empress Elizabeth. Please accept this for the Museum as a gift from me. I saw it yesterday and could not resist buying it even though I had no business doing so. It is in beautiful condition and quite a lovely coin, I believe. By the way, what is the value of this piece? I should like to know in order to compare the value with the price I paid.

I am glad you liked the Saint Andrew star and the judge's badge. I may have a few more items before the end of the year, but am not certain.

Work on the monograph goes slowly. It seems that just as I get settled at night to work someone comes in or telephones or something. Last night I went over to a neighbors to stay just ten minutes and have two cocktails; I stayed two hours and had at least ten cocktails---net result, no translating and a very gay time. Now I shall force myself to get to real serious work. I hope that by Monday or Tuesday I shall have something to send to Noe so that he shall be able to judge my work and make any suggestions he has in mind.

I was interrupted while writing this so that I might assist the appraiser who is valuing my things for insurance purposes. We have spent all day on the Russian books in the library so that I shall be unable to send this letter until Monday. I also find out that I shall be unable to translate tonight as my friend who helps me shall not be here. That will delay the sending of the manuscript for another few days. I have most of my former material translated. With this new material I must compare it with the old material in case there is some additional information which I do not have.

The collection has already gone up to Wyman. He wrote telling me he had placed it in the de Young Museum and asking me to ship it directly there; which I did. I insured it for fifteen hundred and advised him to do the same. I believe he plans to insure it for the same sum during its stay in Frisco. It is certainly a most beautiful collection. I greatly enjoyed seeing it and being able to study it.

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CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

Are you still collecting stamps? I have quite a number now and am putting them in a book so that if my boy is ever interested in them he shall have a start. He also has a small collection of most common and inexpensive war medals, of which he is very proud. He takes every opportunity of showing them to people. I hope that he will show as much interest as he grows older.

Well, that is about all for today. Give my best regards to Nee and the others whom I know,

Cordially yours,

Alan.

October 26, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Hazelton:

Your letter came the other day and I beg to thank you for the half gold rouble of Elizabeth. It is a very pretty little piece and we are most glad to get it. I cannot place my finger offhand on what it is worth. It is listed in Schubert as common. I should say it is worth anywhere from \$1.25 to \$2.50. I am enclosing a supplementary list of Russian coins that we have acquired since sending you our last list.

I am still collecting stamps but unfortunately have not been buying any in the past two years as somehow or other my money is exhausted before I get around to stamps. Let us hope your boy retains his interest in collecting. You will probably find that between his going to high school and getting out of college this interest may go largely by the board. If it revives after that it will stick. That is the way it was with me and with others I have talked with.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ALAN W. HAZELTON
1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

November 28th, 1932.

Dear Howland:

Under separate cover I am sending you fourteen Russian medals and one European one. I enclose a written description of the Russian medals. I had intended typing these descriptions but, realizing that the next two weeks shall probably be busy ones for me, I decided to send you the written descriptions and you can have them typed at the Museum. I hope you can read my writing.

Please accept these medals as my Christmas gift to the Museum. I wish they could be in better condition but apparently they are only procurable in this present condition. They are very interesting to me and I believe will be of interest, equally, to you. It is seldom, I believe, that such medals come on the market either in this country or in Europe. Some of my Russian friends say that the earlier ones are quite rare, even in Russia.

Should there be any medals among them which you already have, please return these duplicates to me. Of course, should any of these be in better condition than those you might have at the Museum I hope you will make the exchange.

A week ago Sunday I called on Colonel Hamilton of Santa Barbara, who is, I believe, a member of the Society. He showed me his Chinese decorations and also his other pieces. He told me he had sent you some of his duplicate Chinese pieces. He has a large but varied collection. They are not kept in an orderly or systematic fashion so that they do not appear at their best. However, they are most interesting. He gave me a couple of Russian medals and I gave him three medals of mine. I shall probably see him from time to time.

That is about all at this writing. I must get to bed and to sleep. Please give my best regards to Noe.

Sincerely,

Alan

December 5, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Hazelton:

Your letter came the other day and the package of medals today. I want to thank you for these and your remembrance of us for a Christmas gift. You picked these out well, as there was not a single one of these we had. One we had commemorating the coronation at Moscow of Peter I, but from an entirely different die on obverse and reverse, so different that you might almost call it a different medal. I have had one letter from Col. Hamilton and that was at the time he sent me the Chinese decorations. Again thanking you I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

ALAN W. HAZELTON
1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

January 8th, 1933.

Dear Wood:

I received the announcement of the marriage of your daughter and sincerely hope that she will be supremely happy in her married life. It is kind of you to have thought to send me the announcement. Naturally, I am interested in the happenings and doings of you and yours.

I have just written Noe enclosing two samples of accounts of medals, some photographs and negatives of the BAZARDJIK MEDAL and my Fellows dues. I wish you would go over the accounts of the medals and give any criticisms you have to make. I have sent the photographs and negatives for your files. The photographs are in full size. You might read my letter to Noe as there are a few observation which I make which may suggest something to you.

This year I hope to make real progress on the new manuscript. I wish to get in finished form all the material I now have with Russian authorities so that I shall have my time for additional research only. With the exception of measurements (in some cases only), photographs or examples of certain medals and decorations, I am ready to complete the accounts of the awards of the Empress Elizabeth, Catherine the Great, Alexander I and most of Peter the Great. I have very little Russian data on the later medals but hope to do some good work on this during 1933. I also hope to add to my collection some of the medals and decorations which I lack. I am not adding to my collection of the Russian Orders as I wish to get as many medals and decorations as possible while I am writing this monograph.

As you will see in my letter to Noe, Rios of Brooklyn suggested that he try to get other War Decorations and Medals collectors to contribute small sums towards the cost of plates for the monograph so that more illustrations could be included. I understand that this is sometimes done in England and it seems to me would be a good way of accomplishing the aim. I should be happy to contribute as much as I possibly could towards this goal, and had planned to do something along this line myself. Of course, the day when this becomes a pressing problem is rather far off but I should like to have your opinion as to this matter so as to write Rios.

Let me hear from you soon as I am interested always in your letters.

Cordially yours,

Alan Hazelton

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April 24th, 1933.

My Dear Wood:

It has been a long time since I have written you so I have decided to sit down this evening and tell you what has been happening out here that may be of interest to you.

First, we had the earthquake. I assure you that this was most unpleasant for all of us. The damage was limited to one locality, however,--the coastal area embracing Long Beach, Compton, Huntington Beach, and other near-by towns. However, we were all a-twitter for several days as the shocks kept coming for about a week after the big one. Now things are all settled down apparently and work has been started to rebuild the stricken areas. In truth, about 1000 lost their lives as a result of the quakes. This number includes all those who died from shock, fright, and other results of the quake. The papers give a death list of only 102 but doctors and nurses have assured me that the list is over 1000.

Next came the bank closing which I imagine was quite similar to the same event all over the country. It is quite surprising how well we got along for two weeks without money.

Lastly, Arthur Wyman came to town. Now this is really something of an event. He comes down about twice a year and crams into one week all the chatting and visiting for the half-year. We had two very delightful chats together and I find him an even more interesting and splendid chap than I thought he was. We talked numismatics and dogs most of the time with liquor and other delights thrown in on the side for variety. Believe me, he certainly is a great friend of yours. He sung your praises here Friday night and could not find enough good things to say of you. We discussed monograms, coins, medals, writing and personalities for several hours. He is now working on an idea to form a collection similar to your travelling exhibit for rental to banks and institutions. It may work out nicely. Arthur returned to Palo Alto Monday morning after attending a dog show on Sunday. Mrs. MacLaughlin was showing two of his Irish Wolf Hounds. He has most beautiful dogs judging from the photographs of them. We discussed the Society and its Museum and talked about adding to its collections and helping in various ways. He told me of the large nickle collection which he sent on to you and about how you and your staff work the collections over and how you handle the series and other divisions of the collection. I found all this most interesting and realize that our talks have made me have a great longing to get to New York once more so that I can visit the Museum again. Frankly, when I was in New York last I felt somewhat diffident about being at the Museum too much as I felt that I might keep you from some work. Arthur tells me, however, that you really welcome the visits of the members and wish that more active interest in this way was taken by the members. That being so, I shall not hesitate to spend much more time with you the next visit to The City. I had hoped to get East the Summer but the financial situation of the Hazeltons will not warrant such a trip. Possibly I can make it this

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Fall or Winter.

I have a number of duplicate Russian pieces which I wish to submit to you for the Museum's collection. Frankly, I do not know whether or not you have them. (There goes a flight of nine Army bombers over the house; they make a beautiful sight in the setting sun). They are all in "groups" and are as follows:--

GROUP I:-St. George's medal, silver, 4th Class.

Medal "For Merit", Nicholas II, St. Stanislav ribbon.

Romanoff Tercentenary Medal.

All in very good condition with ribbons and metal mount in Russian style.

GROUP 2:-St. George's Medal, silver, 3rd Class.

1914 Mobilization medal, mint condition.

Both in very good condition with ribbons and metal mount in Russian style.

GROUP 3:-Medal for Boxer Rebellion, silver.

Medal for Japanese War, gilt bronze.

Both in good condition with ribbons and metal mount in Russian style.

Groups I and 2 are by far the best and I suggest that you take them. Let me know and I shall be happy to send any or all of the above to you for the collection.

Work is progressing on my monogram. I have made a connection in Esthonia so that I am receiving transcripts from the Russian Laws and Decrees giving the rules of all decorations and medals as they were established. I am at last making real progress.

Well, that is about all the news for the present. Give my best regards to Mr. Noe and those members of the Staff whom I know, also to Mr. Gillingham when you see him next.

With my very best regards and hoping that I shall hear from you soon, I am,

Cordially yours,

Alan Hazelton.

May 2, 1933.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
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West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Hazelton:

Your most interesting letter greeted me on my return to the office after being in the hospital and home for the past six weeks. I want to congratulate you on your frankness. From my experience most Californians soft pedal themselves when referring to any earthquake. With the San Francisco one they always refer to it as "the fire". Some day I hope the coast will settle down and stay put! It is too good a place to be on the move.

The only bad results I can see of the bank closing is that many people found they could get along without any money and have been carrying on in the same way ever since.

"Speaking of operations" - I had a few internal affairs cleaned up. All the doctors seemed to think it was much worse than it actually turned out to be so I am beginning to wonder whether I got my money's worth! You see I was preparing for the repeal of prohibition and was trying to put my stomach in shape so I could come in on the band wagon when the time comes.

I am glad that you have taken a shine to Wyman. I have always liked him and in fact have known him off and on in various ways all of my life. He has probably by this time told you the various ways!2

I have none of the groups of Russian pieces which you describe, though I have of course all the medals by the Mobilization one. As you are offering, why not send on all three groups and I am sure that I would take, as you suggest, both Group one and Group two.

I am glad that you are getting on with your monograph. I trust that you can get to New York before very long but then you can come back at me and say I don't get to California. Whenever you do come we will be most glad to see you, and get it out of your mind that we are not always glad to have you especially and most of our members avail themselves of our place as a headquarters. Excuse the brevity of this letter but I have many more to write.

Sincerely yours,

PYRAMID SALES INC

2493 Collingwood Avenue

Toledo, Ohio



January 29th, 1934.

Howland Wood, Esquire,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City, New York.

My Dear Howland.

You are undoubtedly surprised to hear from me at this address. It is a long story of personal interest only and therefore I shall not bore you with it. Sufficient to say that I am now divorced and living here in Toledo for the time being.

You will be further surprised at the subject matter of this letter. Since leaving the Coast I have been working with this Company, one of my uncle's companies, in the capacity of advertising manager. However, the General Manager of the firm has made rather a mess of things so that PYRAMID SALES is not ready for the program which had been planned out. I am still on the job but am really doing nothing.

My uncle and I are both desirous that I get into something which is of greater interest to me and something which will hold my interest. Knowing my interest in orders, decorations and medals my uncle wonders if there is not some place for me in that field. That is, more broadly, the field of Numismatics. I therefore write you to make this proposal to you: Would it be possible for me to find a job with the Society? I would be willing to come to New York and work for a reasonable time at a very nominal salary until I have learned enough to be worth a regular salary to the Society. I have funds enough to carry me along a few months with the addition of a small salary. I really feel that I can make myself of real value to the Society. I naturally would prefer work along your line and hoped that possibly you could train me to be your assistant. There is one factor in my favour--I have no bad habits of or in numismatics so that whatever you may teach me would be according to your own ideas and system. I believe that my monogram has given you some idea as to my mental process and I think my collection shows I am able to follow a line of thought which is orderly and systematic.

I do hope, Howland, that there is some hope for this proposal of mine. However, if there should be objections or obstacles to this please understand that I will realize the situation.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with the profound hope that it may be possible to realize this desire I have expressed, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Alan W. Hazelton

January 31, 1934.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
2493 Collingwood Avenue
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Alan:

Several have been wondering about you of late! Your letter explains everything. However, to come to the point! To do this properly it will take quite a little explaining. Just at the present time there is no chance here. To begin with, the Society has a fixed income, which in the past few years has been somewhat shaved off and as much of our investments are in bonds and mortgages it looks as if before things are better we might have less income than we have now. Up to date our expenses have used up all of the income. We are, however, shorthanded, but this is no unusual story, as we always are. We would like to break in a new person here, and especially in the coin room, as my assistant is getting old, but there is absolutely no money to do this with and the probabilities are that the new person coming in would take the place of one of us already here, which is unfortunate because it allows for no breaking in of anyone to take the place of whoever might go out. In other words, all we can do is to keep our eyes open for someone else and not be able to avail ourselves until the last moment.

Another phase enters into the situation. Few museums can afford to pay what a specialist is really worth. Most museum staffs are underpaid, especially in the assistants, and a fair percent of those in museums have to have an income of their own, though it need not be very much. Also, in a museum there is less chance of increased pay than there is in commercial pursuits.

I am very glad that you wrote me and I think that you would be a good man here, and in fact would like to have you, but as I said in the first part of my letter, at the present moment there seems to be no chance. There may be some day but by that time you may be well established elsewhere. That is our loss, but cannot be helped. Let me know from time to time how you are getting on and if there is an opening I will give you consideration. Mind you, however, I am not making any false promises or stirring up any hopes.

Sincerely yours,